



Mr. Peter R. "Pete" Crofts

January 14, 1964 - May 29, 2021

DEERFIELD - Peter Richard "Pete" Crofts, age 57, passed away unexpectedly on Saturday, May 29, 2021.

Born in New London, Connecticut on January 14, 1964, Peter was the son of the late Arthur and Priscilla (Bailey) Crofts. He was a graduate of Wheeler High School, Class of 1982.

A lifelong farmer, Pete started raising his own cows while still a teenager. Since 1988, he owned and ran a dairy farm in Deerfield, NY. When not working on his own farm, he assisted other local farmers using his extraordinary range of talents as a carpenter, machinist, mechanic, and heavy-equipment operator. He also gave his time and talent to the Mobile Baptist Builders, a charitable organization whose volunteers travel across the country to assist in building, renovating or repairing churches in need. He was a devoted son to his parents, a dependable brother to his siblings, and a mentor and fun-loving uncle to his nieces and nephews. Although a solitary man, his family and friends could call on him for anything and loved his dry humor. He shared a personal relationship with the Lord and served Him well in this world.

Peter is survived by his sister, Heather Crofts Dowling; his brother and sister-in-law, Roger Andrew and Courtney Crofts; his two nephews and four nieces who will forever remember him; four great-nieces; one great-nephew; and his cousins. He was predeceased by his sister, Penelope "Penny" Crofts.

The family extends their heartfelt thanks to the Tucci and Davis families for

their friendship at this time.

The family will honor and commemorate Peter's life at a private time and inurnment will take place in Union Cemetery in North Stonington, CT. Those wishing to express an act of kindness in Pete's memory may make a contribution to Mobile Baptist Builders, 7268 Cottage Hill Rd, Mobile, AL 36695. Arrangements have been entrusted to the Eannace Funeral Home, Inc., 932 South St., Utica, NY 13501.

Tribute Wall

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“ Although Pete told me he was not well, when the call came, my entire being cried NO! My sincere condolences to Heather and Roger and their families, to Pete’s extended family, and to all of his many friends. I am blessed to have had THAT friend—you know the one—that friend with whom you can pick up right where you left off—no matter what, with whom you share mutual honesty—no matter what, with whom you share mutual support—no matter what . . . We played, worked, laughed, discussed, argued, confided, celebrated, mourned, prayed, etc. together across 50+ years. I am blessed, and I am beyond sad to lose my dear friend. However, the sadness is eased by knowing that he is no longer suffering, that he is reuniting with loved ones, that our separation is temporary, and that he is with our God.

Gary Trice - June 13, 2021 at 07:33 AM

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“ I’m so sorry to hear of Pete’s passing. We went from K-12 together and were always in the same home room. He was always a nice guy, and obviously grew to be a good man. My condolences to you all.

Clare Bianco Ornburn - June 12, 2021 at 09:15 PM

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“ I am so deeply sorry for your loss. My childhood memories of him are rushing back. Sending prayers your way.

Dulcie Ilgenfritz - June 04, 2021 at 08:43 AM

DC

Dave and I are very sorry to hear this news! Your family is in our prayers.

Dave & Stacey Leitch, Brooklyn, CT - June 04, 2021 at 08:33 PM

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Such a loss of a wonderful man who was always full of smiles and the kindest words for everyone. We will keep the family in our prayers-

Kip Effman - June 07, 2021 at 06:45 AM